		During VII Plan	*1990-91 (Rs.Crores)*
(i)	Advance Plan assistance	45.00	—
(ii)	Drought Relief assistance	20.00	—
(iii)	Border Area Development Grant	60.70.	28.60
	Total for canal works	125.70	28.60

Fish Gene Bank

3588. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to states: the species of fish likely to be included in Fish Bank proposed to be set up at National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR) in U.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): Sir, it is proposed to include Mahaseer Species of *Tor putitora, tor Khudree* and *Tor tor* as well as species of Indian major carps *catle catla, Labio rohita* and *Cirrhinus mrigla* in the Gene Bank to be set up at the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources.

Foreign Visits

3589. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries visited by him after assuming office; and

(b) the purpose of such visits and the expenditure incurred on him and his personal staff separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). The details of official visits abroad made by the Agriculture Minister after assuming office are as follows:

(i) The Agriculture Minister visited Spain to participate in the 2nd Ministerial Level World Fisheries Conference held at La Toja, from 10-12 September, 1991. The expenditure sanctioned for Agriculture Minister for this visit was Rs. 86,267.00 and for the accompanying member of his personal staff was Rs. 4,826.00.

(ii) The Agriculture Minister visited Italy to participate in the Commonwealth Agriculture Minister's meeting and the 26th FAO conference in Rome During this tour he also visited United Kingdom and United Arab Emirates to explore possibilities of NRI investments in agriculture sector. The expenditure sanctioned for the Agriculture Minister for his tour abroad from 6-15 November, 1991 was Rs. 2,25,150.00. No member of his personal staff accompanied him during this visit.

Toxin Free Kesharl Dal

3590. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether research work is undertaken to make available toxin free Keshari Dal in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether research is also undertaken on other edible Foodgrains to make them toxin free;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to encourage such research works in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Research work on development of low neurotoxin varieties of Kesari Dal, is in progress under the all India coordinated Pulses Improvement project at Raipur Centre in Madhya Pradesh and at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. Some of these strains are under multi-location testing.

(c) yes, Sir.

(d) In soybean trypsin inhibitors are found which are not good for health. these inhibitors are heat labile and processes are available for their inactivation.

(e) Sufficient need based research facilities have been provided to the institutions/centres concerned.

United Nations General Assembly

3591. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the agenda for the current session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA);

(b) the items of special interest to India;

(c) the role played by India in reaching a non-aligned and Third World and international consensus on those items;

(d) the composition of the Indian Delegation to the UNGA; and

(e) the estimated expenditure on the Delegation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The current session of the UNG has over 130 agenda items covering different issues such as international peace and security, disarmament, economic cooperation and development, human rights, social issues, administrative and legal questions and Elections.

(b) India is interested in all these issues.

(c) The Indian delegation has played an active and constructive role in the meetings of the Nonaligned and the Group of 77 to forge common positions on many political and developmental issues. A Communique. of the Group of 77 was adopted at the Ministerial level which reflects the common approach of these countries to issues of Development and Economic Cooperation. The Indian delegation has also undertaken extensive counsultations with other countries and groups to facilitate international consensus on many issues.

(d) The composition of the Indian delegation is as follows:

1. Shri Madhavsinh solanki
   Minister of Extemal Affairs

2. Mr. C.R. Gharekhan
   Permanent Representative,
   PMI, New York

3. Mr. A.B. Vajpayee, M.P.